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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council ✓
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: [] Assistant National
Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Negotiations with the Air Force on Data for NIE
on Soviet Air Defense

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1. Negotiations have moved slowly and prospects are not good in our efforts to acquire data from the Air Force for NIE []
[] The Air Force position thus far has been to stonewall, putting off all serious efforts to find an acceptable way to accommodate our needs.

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2. As offered by Gen. Pfautz, [] of DIA, [] of CIA/OSWR and I met with several Air Force colonels representing Air Force Operations and Plans, Air Force R&D, [] Studies and Analysis and Air Force Intelligence. The Air Force position was to reiterate the objections raised in Gen. Pfautz' June memo. We offered flexibility: a willingness to accept less than asked for and a willingness to work with the Air Force to find solutions to each of their concerns. Air Force representatives were unprepared to make accommodations.

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3. We've agreed to meet again at Air Force's suggestion, probably the week of 30 July. In the meantime, Air Force representatives will regroup and determine if and how they might modify their stance. Thus far they have given us little room for optimism. In all respects the Air Force has handled our request shabbily. Their position is contrary with the DCI/SecDef agreement on Net Assessments and a freer flow of information to the Intelligence Community. Air Force Intelligence has played the role of a detached negotiator; neither advancing the needs of the Intelligence Community nor supporting the refusal of the Air Force.

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4. If this next meeting is not satisfactory, I will request that you contact the Secretary of Defense to request his assistance in breaking this impasse. In addition to the frustration they have caused, the Air Force refusal/delay in providing the data required is delaying the production of this estimate. If the Air Force maintains and the Secretary of Defense sustains their refusal to provide data, we will have to seriously consider cancelling this estimate.

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